

# Fall Program Guide

Durant Nature Preserve

Sept-Oct 2018

## Family + Adult



### Eating the Enemy

Have you met the invasive plants? From kudzu to honeysuckle, hundreds of plants have found their way across the globe to sink roots into Raleigh. Join us for a walk as we learn to identify common invasive plants and discover which ones we can combat by bringing them into the kitchen. Come nibble away at these nutritious noxious weeds! Barcode #227343.

**Age: 8 yrs and up**      **Fee: free**  
**Sat, Sept. 8**      **4-5:30 pm**



### Grandparents Day

Drop by with your favorite grandparent (or several!) for a leisurely afternoon of quality time outside. Stroll with a park naturalist at 3pm, try a self-guided nature seek -and-find, or relax by the water and see what you can catch. Celebrate family time across generations. Preregistration is not required but is helpful for planning. Barcode #227346.

**Age: All Ages**      **Fee: free**  
**Sun, Sept. 9**      **3-5 pm**

### Nature Art — Dreamcatchers

Weave a work of art to bring sweet dreams! Using natural materials found in the Preserve, we'll build and decorate dream catchers for you to take home. Learn about the legends and lore of these decorations said to protect sleepers from nightmares or frights. At the end, you'll have a personalized dreamcatcher to hang above your bed. Barcode #227344.

**Age: 7 yrs and up**      **Fee: \$4**  
**Sun, Sept. 9**      **2-4 pm**



### Campfire Story & Marshmallow Roast

Gather 'round the campfire for an evening of storytelling, nature, and marshmallows. As dusk falls, we'll come together to share a tale connected to the forests and wildlife of the Preserve.

**Age: 6 yrs and up**      **Fee: \$2**  
**Saturdays, 7-8 pm**  
**Sept. 22**      **Barcode #227368**  
**Oct. 13**      **Barcode #227373**



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### Big Sweep!

Pitch in to help keep Durant clean! Join the Big Sweep, a weekend of volunteering across NC to pick up litter in our public lands. Meet new friends as we work and play together to maintain a healthy Preserve for our neighbors and wildlife. Families, organizations, and individuals are invited to attend. Barcode #227710.

**Age: All Ages**  
**Sun, Oct. 7**

**Fee: free**  
**1-4 pm**



### Mushroom Hike

Celebrate National Mushroom Day with a fungus-filled hike. A naturalist guide will lead you on a search for fall mushrooms. Learn to identify common species and understand the role of fungi in decomposition and healthy forests. Barcode #227712.

**Age: 8 yrs and up**  
**Sun, Oct. 14**

**Fee: \$2**  
**2-3:30 pm**



### Enchanted Forest

Halloween magic has infused the Preserve! Enchanted wildlife are eager to meet you and show off their forest home. Explore trails at twilight, meet our magical woodland neighbors, and make natural Halloween crafts. Barcode #227722.

**Age: All Ages**  
**Sat, Oct. 27**

**Fee: \$2**  
**5:30-7 pm**



### Nature Art — Pinecone Pals and Forest Fairies

Pick a pinecone and turn it into your newest friend. We'll learn about pinecones and use them as the base for character sculpture. Transform yours into a fairy, an animal, or a fanciful creature of your own creation. Adults accompanying registered children attend free. Barcode #227723.

**Age: 4-8 years**

**Fee: \$2**

**Mon, Oct. 29**

**10-11 am**

### Durant Meadow Campout

Families gather for an overnight campout in the meadow at Durant. We'll cook dinner at the campfire, stargaze, and go for a night hike. In the morning, wake with the birds and enjoy a camp breakfast and creek walk. Bring your tent if you have one or borrow one of ours. Barcode #227468.

**Age: 6 years and up**

**Fee: Youth \$15, Adults \$20**

**Sat-Sun, Oct. 20-21 5pm-11am**



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### Fall Scavenger Hunt

Explore the Preserve and enjoy time outside together on this Autumn scavenger hunt. Enjoy quality time as you search the trails for clues and hidden surprises and learn a bit more about the woods and forests of Raleigh. Can you find all the clues to unlock the riddle at the end? Barcode #227754.

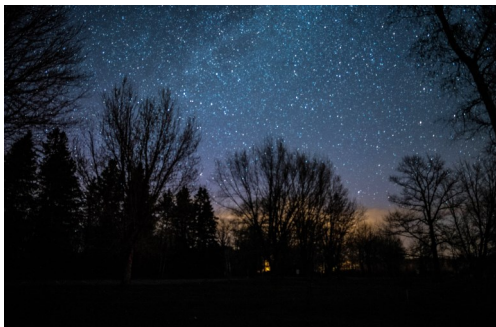
**Age: 4 yrs and up**      **Fee: free**  
**Sun, Nov. 11**              **10-11:30 am**



### Night Hike Durant

Who comes out when the sun goes down? What's rustling in the dark? Which animals are waking up when we go to bed? Find out on a Night Hike. We'll take a guided walk with owls, bats, and nocturnal neighbors to see Durant in a whole new starlight. What does it take to live in the night forest? Barcode #227804.

**Age: 6 yrs and up**      **Fee: \$2**  
**Sat, Nov. 10**              **6-7:30 pm**



### Outdoor Cooking Family Feast

Spend the afternoon around a campfire learning family-friendly camp recipes and cooking techniques that can be done over a fire. We'll make hiking snacks, cook an outdoor meal, and go for a walk in the woods. Bring a chair and your appetite for this unique program! Barcode #227756.

**Age: 8 yrs and up**      **Fee: \$8**  
**Sat, Nov. 17**              **12-2 pm**

### Campfire Story & Marshmallow Roast

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**Age: 6 yrs and up**      **Fee: \$2**              **5:30-6:30 pm**

**Sat, Nov. 17**      **Barcode #227374**  
**Fri, Dec. 14**      **Barcode #227707**

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### Candid Critters

What's the wildlife up to when we're not looking? Scientists are finding out! Learn about Candid Critters, North Carolina's research program using camera 'traps' to observe animals. Learn how this information is used to manage forests and study wildlife behavior, and practice setting up a camera trap in the woods. Barcode #227759.

**Age: 12 yrs and up**    **Fee: free**  
**Sat, Dec. 1**    **2:30-4:00 pm**



### Wisteria Wreaths

Have you noticed the wisteria that blooms in the Preserve every spring? Though popular for its beauty, this invasive plant threatens the health of trees and is regularly cut at Durant. Join us to reclaim these pretty vines and put them to positive use! We'll master the basics of wreath weaving and go on a walk to find natural decorations for our new holiday wreaths. Barcode #227765.

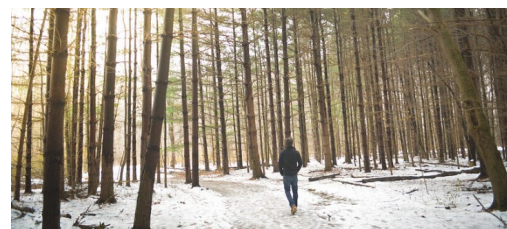
**Age: 7 yrs and up**    **Fee: \$2**  
**Sun, Dec. 2**    **2-3 pm**



### Nature Art—Holiday Crafts

Bring nature indoors this year as you decorate for the winter. Join us as we find inspiration in natural materials and create unique, organic ornaments and gifts for your holiday celebrations. Barcode #227766.

**Age: 5 yrs and up**    **Fee: \$3**    **Sat, Dec. 8**    **2:00-3:30 pm**



### Solstice Stroll

On this shortest day of the year, we'll enjoy the crisp forest trails as the sun sets for the longest night of winter. Encounter wildlife and plants along the way and learn about their adaptations for cold season survival. We'll close with a reflection campfire. This easy, social walk is a great way to spend quality time with friends or family taking in the quiet, restful phase of the year. This program takes place on trails that may not be accessible by strollers. Barcode #227777.

**Age: All Ages**    **Fee: free**  
**Fri, Dec. 21**    **4-5 pm**

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